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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the Office action for the aboveidentified application, applicant elects the species of Fig. 1 for prosecution at this time.

The following claims read on the elected species of Fig. 1: claims 5, 7, 9, and 10.

In light of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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